CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Skating Boys

Other known title(s): 70020 / skating_boys.avi

OFLC ref: 1200461.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Distributor: Not stated

Director: Sergey Kotov

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Unidentified language

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 29 June 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Skating Boys	59:17
Total running time:		59:17

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The file consists of a commercially produced feature from Eastern Europe that is exclusively focused on young boys, naked for the most part of the footage and engaging in playful antics. There is a prurient tone to the filming. The material is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in young boys. The availability of the publication tends to create or reinforce this sexual interest and encourage exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.